

As Governor, he fought for fair housing, civil rights, disadvantaged children, prison reform, and to protect the unique beauty of Lake Tahoe and aid for workers injured on the job.

After his career in public service, he went on to become executive editor of the Las Vegas Sun, where he used his column to draw attention to a wide array of causes and concerns that he continued to care about long after leaving office.

Mike was a deeply, deeply religious man, who attended church on a daily basis. He was known as much for his works of charity as he was for his political victories. If you were a millionaire or if you were homeless, Mike treated you with the same dignity and respect. He was legendary for his efforts on behalf of those who were down on their luck.

He also shared a deep interest in international affairs. He made countless trips to Israel to support the Israeli defense force. He was called upon to visit Central America to promote democracy and worked for fair elections in the nation of Nicaragua. He repeated his role in northern Iraq in 1992, helping observe free elections for the Kurds in that divided nation.

While he will be remembered for his lasting contributions as Governor and coach and newspaper executive, his greatest legacy was his family: his wife of nearly 50 years, Carolyn; his five children, Michael, Mary, Teresa, Brian, and Timothy; and his 15 grandchildren.

There are literally thousands of Nevadans and people around the world whose lives have been touched by this extraordinary man. He was one of my best friends, one of my closest friends. I will miss him as if he were my father, and I share the loss with his family.

While Mike will long be remembered for his lasting contributions as a Governor, teacher, coach and newspaper executive, perhaps his greatest legacy is the O'Callaghan family, which includes Mike's wife of nearly 50 years Carolyn, his five children Michael, Mary, Teresa, Brian and Timothy and his grandchildren.

There are literally the thousands of people in Nevada and around the world whose lives were touched in different ways by the efforts of Mike O'Callaghan.

As communities across southern Nevada mourned the loss of this great figure last week, endless personal stories about Mike and his many deeds filled memorial services, the airwaves and the pages of the newspaper. So many stories and so many lives, all touched by this humble, hard working, hard-nosed man with a heart of gold.

The State of Nevada is a far better place because of Mike O'Callaghan and he will forever be remembered as a man whose life was defined by his service to our Nation, his devotion to his family and friends, his rock solid religious beliefs, his steady leadership as Governor and his love of the underdog.

As one newspaper columnist put it, "Mike O'Callaghan believed heart and soul in the family of man. He has gone away, but we'll hear his voice for a long time to come."

While another wrote: "Although the word 'hero' is tossed about lightly these days, I can

honestly say that Mike O'Callaghan is the only true hero I've ever met, and I count myself fortunate for the honor."

I also count myself among those lucky enough to have known and loved this great man and to have had the honor to call him my friend. Mike, you will be missed, but you will never be forgotten.

□ 1530

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

TERRORISTS INFLUENCE SPANISH ELECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a subject matter, and that subject matter has to do with Spain.

First, I would like to thank the Spanish people and the Spanish leadership that they have had over the past several years for their allegiance to the principles that built this great Nation that we have the privilege to live in, their commitment to free enterprise and their commitment to the allies that we have pulled together in Iraq.

I have watched their economy grow in Spain as free markets took hold, and I have seen that Spain has become a competitor with us and made us both be stronger economically. They stood with us in times of toil, and they stood with us in times of terror. They have stood with us in Iraq, and the warm feeling we got when President Aznar was here to speak before this Chamber was a heartfelt appreciation for a nation that shares with us many of the same ideals and principles.

However, there has been a situation which has changed things dramatically in Spain. We also stand together with the Spanish people in their grief for having lost 201 of their citizens and hundreds of them wounded in the cowardly bombing attack on the trains in Madrid just 2 days before the election. There are not many people on this planet that do not believe that the elections were profoundly changed because of those terrorist attacks.

We know not what went on in the minds of the voters in Spain that would bring them to the conclusion that going down the path of appeasement was preferable to going down the path of fighting terror wherever we find it. But that decision was made by the Spanish people, and we respect their decision. However, the challenge to our President that has been issued by Prime Minister-elect Zapatero that they would withdraw their troops from Spain and realign themselves, and presumably realign themselves with some of the nations in Europe that have opposed our policy in Iraq is a regretful situation.

And we have not seen a leader of a foreign country challenge a seated President in the time of an election as we do on this particular circumstance. In fact, the question I think has been answered, the question of the apparent Democrat nominee for President in this Nation has stated that he has the support of foreign leaders. He will not name those foreign leaders, but I believe one of them has come out and made the endorsement to support the Democrat candidate for President of the United States, thus injecting himself into our domestic politics, thus identifying an individual that might have been referenced by our candidate; thus taking them both down the path to appeasement.

This is a regrettable circumstance. The headline I am looking at is from the Salt Lake Tribune and it says, "Spanish socialist supports Democratic-apparent nominee." Spanish socialist, that should tell us something. Spanish socialist appeaser. The legacy of Neville Chamberlain hangs in the atmosphere across all of Europe today, and the message sent to the terrorists is, you have won.

Al Qaeda understands they have won the election in Spain by blowing up innocent civilians and moving the electorate in Spain toward the socialist candidate, the appeasement candidate.

I do not know what goes on in the minds of voters in a time of grief, but I have to believe and I have to pray that American voters, if confronted with the same thing, will react in an entirely different fashion. For the last 3 weeks, I have been warning the people in my district and across the country that I fear a terrorist attack in this Nation prior to our Presidential election and an effort to change the election results in this country and elect the candidate who has been endorsed by the socialist from Spain.

Well, I believe the character of the American people is different than the response that we have seen by the Spaniards; and I believe that we will stand up, if that tragic time comes to pass, and now they have certainly been encouraged to attack us in this country because of their success in Spain. I believe we will stand up, and I believe we will stand with George W. Bush, our President, the man who understands terror, defines terror, and knows we